

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
12TH AVENUE PARKING WORKGROUP
APRIL 15, 2003
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
ANIMALS CAFÉ

ATTENDEES

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Notes taken by Randy Wiger

ACTION ITEMS

- City staff will:
 1. check on the NW corner of the 13th Ave and E. Columbia intersection for impact of driveway location for 19-unit development there on chemical deliveries to HSC loading dock on 13th Ave.
 2. Find out a definitive answer to the question: “Do petitions need 60% of the lots/parcels or of the property owners?”
 3. Mail out a letter to all businesses with a load zone in the 12th Ave working area.
 4. Investigate opportunities to convert current 4-hour parking zones to 2-hour.
 5. Find out whether both sides of a street which is being converted to 2-hour parking time restrictions need to be petitioned if only one side of the street is being converted.
- Jerry Pedersen will work with Meghan to develop a petition for all Seattle University properties.

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Hospital Central Services

Paul Burger and Kathy Kernan of Hospital Central Services (HSC) attended the meeting to share their concerns that the proposed conversion to back-in angled parking would affect their ability to conduct their business (HSC occupies the block bounded by 13th Ave, E. Columbia, 14th Ave, and E. Marion). Mr. Burger stated that E. Columbia and 13th Ave is a dangerous intersection, typically having 2 accidents per month (fender benders). Large tractor-trailer delivery trucks back into their loading docks off of E. Columbia and also on 13th Ave (mid-block). Currently when a truck is loading on 13th Ave the street is reduced to one lane during the loading time. In

addition to the HSC loading dock entry on E. Columbia, the Qwest property on the south side of E. Columbia also has entrance to their yard and load area off of this same block.

Other concerns HSC raised were the frequency with which students park in their lot, sometimes necessitating towing. HSC staff make an effort to catch people before they leave their cars to inform that they need to park elsewhere, though they still tow about six cars per year. HSC staff have also observed the seasonal nature of car camping by patrons of the nearby labor union on 13th near Barclay Court.

The HSC employee parking lot is mostly adequate for their needs except for mid-day during the week when there is an overlap between early shift and administrative staff who work a more typical 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM shift. HSC feels its parking lot serves around 80% of its employees during the week, and 100% on weekends. HSC operates seven days a week with two shifts on weekdays (5:00 AM – 2:30 or 3:30 PM, and 3:30 PM – Midnight), and has one shift on Saturday and Sunday (6:00 AM to 4:00 PM).

Back-in Angled Parking Follow-up

Bill Zosel reports that he has gotten little or no response to letters mailed to E. Marion property owners. David Lesperance has been out and no one is sure how far he has gotten in contacting Qwest. Randy reports that he has gotten most of the signatures needed for converting 13th Ave from E. Cherry to E. Jefferson, and E. Jefferson to E. Columbia. Still needed are Seattle U., and at least one of the two property owners on 13th Ave from E. Cherry to E. Jefferson, and Qwest for 13th Ave from E. Jefferson to E. Columbia. Jerry Pedersen will follow-up with the 551 13th Ave property owner as they are an alumnus of S. U.

Load Zone Follow-up

A final draft of the letter to businesses with load zones in front has been agreed upon. The City will mail out this letter to all businesses with a load zone in the 12th Ave working area.

2-Hour Conversion Opportunities

The City has prepared petition packets for converting currently unrestricted blocks to 2-hour time restrictions. Karen Kimber volunteered to take the packet for the 500 block of 12th Ave (with Animals Coffeehouse on it). Bill Zosel had to leave as packets were being presented, but was willing to take whichever packet we wanted to give him. Jerry Pedersen will work with Meghan to develop a petition for all Seattle University properties.

CITY OF SEATTLE 2003 METER INSTALLATION PROJECT UPDATE

Meghan passed on information that the City has officially changed the requirements for putting in meters. Petitions are no longer required. Meters may now be installed at the City's discretion with community involvement. The 300 meters currently in stock will be installed in Belltown and the International District. The City plans to have the new pay station devices by the end of 2003, which will free existing electronic meters for redeployment. The existence of 2-hour time restrictions will help to 'position' a neighborhood for meters in the future.

Additional Parking Issues

A question was asked if there is a way to address employees with handicap placards parking 8 hours or more, and the answer is, not yet. The City has not exercised its option to adopt the 4-hour maximum time limit for handicap placard holders which is allowed by State law.

Meeting Adjourned